

We are settled now in Olympia, and our little apartment is really very cozy. I'm watching television right now, and frying some chicken for tomorrow night. We are usually so hungry when we get home from work that we hate to wait for something to cook, so it's easier to warm up something cooked before. Mike has to go back to work almost every night and is working weekends, although I haven't had to yet.

I am really like my new job as secretary to Rep. Shimpach. He is real nice to work for and there is plenty for me to do. He has me answer all his correspondence and just gives me an idea of what he wants to say. He is chairman of the Appropriations Committee, just about the most important committee in the house, so there are lots of people in there all the time.

I heard Vickie is thinking of looking for a secretarial job. I think it is a good idea as long as teaching jobs are so scarce. As long as your boss gives you enough responsibility, I think

office work can be kind of fun.  
Of course, there is a big difference  
in bosses.

It was sure fun seeing you  
two on your last visit. Mike felt  
bad for acting so funny New Years  
Eve, but I knew you'd under-  
stand. It was a big disappoint-  
ment for Mike when Durkan lost  
and it's taken him a while to  
really be himself again. But,  
Mike already has a several  
different new projects he's working  
on now!

I haven't tried our pool yet  
but I think I will this  
weekend. I went inside the  
bubble, though, and it's really  
quite warm.

If you want to write, you  
can reach me at: Room 435,  
House Office Bldg., Olympia, Wa. 98504.

Love,  
Mary